

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were originally presented for examination. By this amendment, Claim 20 has been amended, and Claims 21-26 have been added. Thus, Claims 1-26 are now pending in this case. Each of the new claims is supported in the original disclosure. No new matter is introduced. Accordingly, entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at (408) 414-1202 concerning any issue.

The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any applicable fee to our deposit account 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,



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